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- 1. KIM DONG-JO TESTIMONY ISSUE RETURNED TO HEADLINES IN KOREAN PRESS ON JULY 26. CITING CONGRESSIONAL SOURCES, KOREAN WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS REPORT THAT US PROPOSAL FOR REPRESENTATIVES SPENCE AND HAMILTON TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT PARK WAS REJECTED BY ROKG.
- 2. MOST DETAILED ROKG REACTION IS CARRIED BY TONGA ILBO, CITING "HIGH MOFA OFFICIAL" MAKING FOLLOWING POINTS: (A) CONFIRMED THAT PROPOSAL FOR CONGRESSMEN'S VISIT WAS REJECTED BY ROKG; (B) ROKG IS PREPARED TO CONSIDER OTHER PROPOSAL FOR MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE METHOD OF SETTLING ISSUE; (C) KEY TO SOLUTION IS TO QUIETLY NEGOTIATE STEP-BY-STEP THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS; (D) IF A CONSTRUCTIVE PROPOSAL WAS TO HAVE BEEN CONVEYED BY CONGRESSMEN, THIS SAME PROPOSAL COULD HAVE COME THROUGH DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS; (E) ROKG POSITION ON PRIVATE LETTER RESPONSE BY KIM REMAINS IN EFFECT; (F) ROKG POSITION IS NOT ONE OF NON-COOPERATION -- ROKG PREPARED TO COOPERATE WITHIN SCOPE OF VIENNA CONVENTION AND INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE; (G) ROKG IS WAITING FOR US RESPONSE TO ROKG COUNTER-PROPOSAL.

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